FCC Chairman Michael Powell Commissioners Abernathy, Copps, Martin, and Adelstein

I am a voter from Washington State, writing to urge you to postpone your vote on Monday, June 2, 2003, on the proposed rule changes.

The public interest is served by news diversity through competition and not by concentrated media monopolies, no matter how much more efficient that might be. Isn't that the mandate of the FCC? To protect these interests through moderate regulation?

The 1996 Telecommunications Act put the U.S. media into too few hands and has stifled the industry. Granting these giants additional deregulation is caving in to their desire for even greater monopoly control. Don't do it.

Before you make this irreversible move, please, please consider how posterity will view you. Your job is to regulate, not to service, the industry in exchange for (alleged) personal gains.